

Specification amendments

Please amend the specification as follows:

A tolerance ring 13 being the first embodiment of the present invention allows a tolerance ring with outward waves 2 to be used in the apparatus but minimises or eliminates the particle production that results from the arrangements shown in FIGS. 1, 2 and 3. The tolerance ring 13 includes a guide portion indicated generally in FIG. 4 by 14. The guide portion 14 resembles a funnel, which flares towards the entrance of the bore 4. The guide portion comprises flared guide surfaces, indicated in cross section by 15a and 15b in FIG. 4, extending axially from the band 16 of the ring 13, forming an endmost annular portion, towards the entrance of the bore 4. The guide portion terminates at free end 32 defining an axial end of the tolerance ring. This free end 32 defines an opening that (i) is larger than that defined by the unformed annular portions of the band, and (ii) has a diameter at said free end that is not greater than the diameter of the protrusions. As shown, the guide portion is provided at only one end of the band.